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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

IAIZZO ET AL.

Examiner

Eric D. Bertram

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,10-13,18,20,21,23,24 and 26-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,10,11,13,18,20,21,23,24,26-28 and 30-35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 10/23/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argued that there is no motivation found in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art to secure the tip of the ablation catheter to heart tissue using an adhesive (pages 6 and 7 of the Remarks). The Examiner respectfully disagrees. It is well known in the art that tissue adhesives can be used on ablation catheters and/or leads in order to position and secure the lead in the proper place in order to ablate only the correct tissue. One example of this is Wang et al. (US 6,475,179, hereinafter Wang). As shown in figure 1A, Wand discloses gripping elements 130, which can feature a tissue adhesive, in order to grip the tissue for ablation purposes (Col. 3, lines 52-55). Therefore, since Klumb discloses all of the structural features of the claims and is fully capable of utilizing a tissue adhesive as taught by King, the 35 USC 103(a) rejections of claims 12 and 29 are still considered proper due to motivation found in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 12 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klumb et al. (US 5,935,124, hereinafter Klumb) and King (US 4,282,886). Klumb discloses a medical lead 14 extending through the central lumen of catheter body 12 (Col. 5, lines 1-10). Klumb further discloses a tip electrode 36 that includes an infusion tube 88 disposed with the tip electrode which is used to infuse fluids in proximity of the distal end of the tip electrode (see Col. 8, lines 1-6 and figure 9). Klumb does not specifically disclose, however, that the fluid infused through the tip electrode should be a tissue adhesive. Attention is directed to the secondary reference of King, which discloses an epicardial lead utilizing a tissue adhesive 16 to securely affix the electrode for optimal treatment and to avoid unwanted movement of the electrode (Col. 2, lines 50-58). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to modify the system of Klumb to infuse tissue adhesive near the electrode tip in order to securely affix the electrode in its proper position in the body, as taught by King.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3-7, 10, 11, 13, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26-28, and 30-35 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric D. Bertram whose telephone number is 571-272-3446. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30-7.

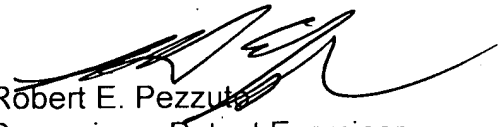
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert E. Pezzuto can be reached on 571-272-6996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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